

REMARKS

Prior to an examination of the present application, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

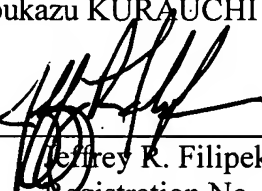
Various editorial amendments have been made to the specification. No new matter has been added.

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-19 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein and new claims 20-37 have been added.

Respectfully submitted,

Nobukazu KURAUCHI

By



Jeffrey K. Filipek
Registration No. 41,471
Attorney for Applicant

JRF/fs
Washington, D.C. 20006-1021
Telephone (202) 721-8200
Facsimile (202) 721-8250
July 10, 2006